(a) whether the Government propose to provide adequate rail facilities in the tribal dominated areas of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the locations thereof; and

(c) when these facilities are likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (e) Rail network exists in Thane, Nasik, Dhule, Yavatmal, Nanded Districts in Maharashtra which are tribal dominated, except the district of Gadhchiroli which has Mulmarode as the nearest rail head about 45 Kms from district headquarter. Proposal to convert MG line to BG in the district of Nanded as part of Manmad-Parbhani-Parli Vaijnath and Parbhani-Purnea & Mudkhed-Adilabad and parallel BG line between Purnea and Mudkhed (602 Kms) has been approved at a cost of Rs. 321.73 crores. Manmad-Aurangabad section (114 Kms,) of this project is targetted for completion during 1991-92.

Restoration of cancelled air services

1991. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the air services suspended/ cancelled during the current year have since been restored;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Air India had discontinued its twice weekly service to Australia for commercial reasons. Indian Airlines has restored all the suspended flight, except Bombay-Male-Bombay service which has not been restored owing to capacity constraints and commercial considerations. Vayudoot had suspended its operations to Nasik, Aurangabad, Surat, Bhavnagar, Tezu, Dimapur, Vishakhapatnam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kanpur & Lucknow. These services have not been restored owing to shortage of aircraft capacity and commercial reasons.

[*English*]

Women Pilots

1992. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women pilots in the country and the number undergoing pilot's training; and

(b) the steps being taken by the government to encourage more women towards this profession?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) the number of women pilots in the country is 344 and the number of women undergoing pilots; training in various flying clubs/institutes/schools etc. in the country are 109.

(b) The profession is open to men and women alike. There is marked increase in the number of women pilots/trainee pilots in the last five years.

[*Translation*]

Population Growth rate in Haryana

1993. SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: